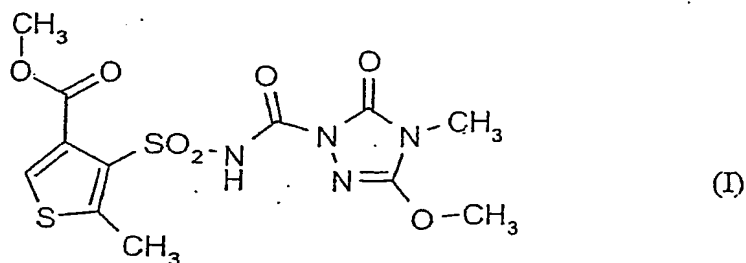


**Claims**

1. The use of the compound 5-methoxy-4-methyl-2-  
[(4-methoxycarbonyl-2-methylthien-3-yl)sulfonylaminocarbonyl]-2,4-  
5 dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one of the formula (I)



10 and/or of the salts of the compound of the formula (I) for selectively  
controlling weeds of the genus Apera in crops of useful plants.

2. A method of selectively controlling weeds of the genus Apera in  
crops of useful plants, which comprises applying the compound of the  
formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 and/or salts of the compound of the  
15 formula (I) together with surface-active agents and/or customary extenders  
in crops of useful plants.